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[] THE TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT OF ETHIOPIA (TGE) EXERCISES LITTLE POLICE OR
 MILITARY CONTROL OVER THE GODE AREA, INCLUDING SIDAMO, BALE AND HARERGE REGIONS OF THE OGADEN.

[] A SMALL CESSNA-TYPE PRIVATE
 AIRCRAFT WITH SUDANESE MARKINGS LAND AND DEPART FROM GODE AIRPORT. []

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[] THE TGE AUTHORITIES IN GODE HAD NOT EXPECTED THE ARRIVAL OF THE AIRCRAFT AND DID NOT
 KNOW FROM WHERE IT HAD COME. THE OFFICIALS ALSO DID NOT KNOW THE AIRCRAFT'S ONWARD DESTINATION []

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[] ON TAKEOFF, FLEW IN AN EASTERLY DIRECTION, TOWARD CENTRAL SOMALIA.

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(S//NF) 2. [REDACTED] THE AIRCRAFT WAS PROBABLY CARRYING ARMS (b)(1)
 OR SUPPLIES TO AIDED FORCES IN THE MUDUG REGION OF SOMALIA. (b)(1)
 [REDACTED] ARMS TRAFFICKING IN SOUTHERN ETHIOPIA IS (b)(3)
 THE UPSWING, WITH MANY WEAPONS, INCLUDING SA-7 SOVIET-BUILT, SHOULDER-HELD, SURFACE-TO-AIR MISSILE (b)(3)
 FROM THE FORMER ARSENALS OF ETHIOPIAN DICTATOR MENGISTU AND SOMALI DICTATOR SIAD BARRE. (b)(1)
 [REDACTED] COMMENT: ALTHOUGH THERE HAVE BEEN NUMEROUS REPORTS OF ARMS SHIPMENTS MOVING FROM (b)(3)
 ETHIOPIA'S REGION 5 (OGADEN) INTO SOMALIA AND IT IS PROBABLE THAT SMALL AMOUNTS OF ARMS ARE (b)(3)
 SPORADICALLY TAKEN ACROSS THE BORDER, THERE HAS NOT YET BEEN EVIDENCE THAT THESE ACTIONS ARE
 PROCEEDING ON A LARGE SCALE. THE TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT OF ETHIOPIA (TGE) IS SORELY UNDERMANNED
 IN THE OGADEN; NEVERTHELESS, IT CONTROLS MANY OF THE KEY ROADS LEADING INTO CENTRAL SOMALIA AND
 CONDUCTS SEARCHES OF BORDER CROSSERS AND THEIR VEHICLES IN THESE AREAS. [REDACTED]

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(S//NF) 3. [REDACTED] (b)(1)
 [REDACTED] (b)(3)
 [REDACTED] PRICES ARE GOING UP AS DEMAND INCREASES IN THE REGION. [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED] SOLD ONE ZSU-23 TO THE NATIONAL ARMY OF DJIBOUTI FOR US\$40,000 AND HOPED TO SELL THE
 SECOND ONE FOR AT LEAST THAT MUCH. THE PKM MACHINE GUNS WERE BEING SOLD FOR US\$700 EACH; AK-47
 RIFLES FETCH US\$300 AND ISRAELI BUILT UZI'S US\$500. [REDACTED] COMMENT: THE GOING PRICE FOR ZSU-23 (b)(1)
 WEAPONS FROM BOTH RUSSIA AND CHINA IS DOUBLE AT US\$80,000 EACH). THE HEAVY ZSU-23 WEAPONS WERE (b)(3)
 DISMANTLED AND BROUGHT OVERLAND IN PIECES ON CAMEL CARAVANS FOR SALE IN DJIBOUTI, IN JOURNEYS
 WHICH TAKE FROM 10 TO 15 DAYS.

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